Trucial Oman MK4
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K 648 of the Central Powers. In return for this loyalty, the British in a note of 3 November 1914 promised their support to the Sheikh if he attacked certain neighboring districts then under Turkish control; further, it guaranteed the possession of some real estate owned by him personally and recognized Kuwait as "an independent government under British protection."

T 648 648 c. Trucial Oman. From Khor Kalbah to Khor al-'Udayd, the western shore of the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf, with the exception of the tip of the Musandam peninsula which is part of Musoat, is ruled by several independent sheikhs. These rulers have entered into treaty relations with the British Government. These relations date back to 1820, when a treaty of peace was concluded between these sheikhs and the East India Company. It was followed by various agreements dealing primarily with the suppression of piracy and slave trade. (22) A general perpetual peace treaty providing also for

22. The treaties concerning the Trucial Oman are collected in Aitchison, pp. 239-57. The Trucial Sheikhs include the Sheikhs of Shargah, Ras-al-Khaima, Debai, Abu Dhabi, Umm-al-Qaiwain, Ajman and, since 1936, also the Sheikh of Kalba.

peace between the various Sheikhs was concluded in 1853. In March 1853 the sheikhs signed a so-called exclusive agreement. Its text is identical with that of the Bahrein agreement of March of the same year. The Trucial Sheikhs were thus brought into a relationship with Great Britain which is parallel to that of Bahrein and Kuwait. The British representative in the area is the Political Officer, Trucial Coast, who is assisted by the British Residency Agent on the Trucial Coast.

T 648 471 Here, too, assurances were given by the local rulers that pearling and oil concessions would be given only with British approval. An oil concession is held by Petroleum Concessions, a subsidiary of the Iraq Petroleum Company.

P 648 d. Qater. An agreement with the Sheikh of Qatar was concluded by the British on 3 November 1916. (23) In it the Sheikh